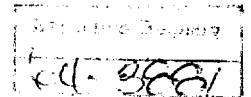


DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH
WASHINGTON



June 2, 1964

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Dear John:

Mr. William Bundy has requested from the United Kingdom that steps be taken to inform senior United Kingdom officials of the extent of North Vietnam intervention in South Vietnam and Laos. In this connection we believe it would be helpful to make available to designated U.K. officers either the documents or the substance of the two documents recently prepared in CIA on this subject [redacted] and [redacted]. Pursuant to recent USIB action the substance of these documents was provided certain Canadian officials.

Consideration might also be given by the USIB to providing to designated U. K. officials here and in the U. K. the substance of two earlier basic studies on communist intervention in South Vietnam and Laos, or the papers themselves after whatever sanitization is necessary. The basic documents to which I have reference are a study dated March 10, 1964 ([redacted]) and one dated April 20, 1964 ([redacted]).

We propose that, as an initial step, the appropriate officers from the U. K. Embassy here in Washington should receive a briefing. If the USIB approves the release, documents could be given to U. K. officials either at that time or at a subsequent date.

In view of the urgency placed by Mr. Bundy on making information available to the United Kingdom, I hope that this matter can be considered at the USIB meeting of June 3.

Sincerely,

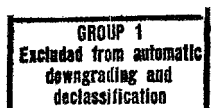
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The Honorable
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